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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING AND PREVENTING
MUCOSITIS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2001. A Petition for two months Extension of Time, up to and including September 20, 2001, and the required fee for a small entity, are enclosed with this response.

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The Office Action divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-27, drawn to a method for inhibiting, preventing or treating mucositis;
and

Group II, claims 28-34, drawn to a composition for treating oral mucositis.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, without traverse.

Please cancel claims 28-34.

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Please note that an Information Disclosure Statement was submitted with this application.

Respectfully submitted,



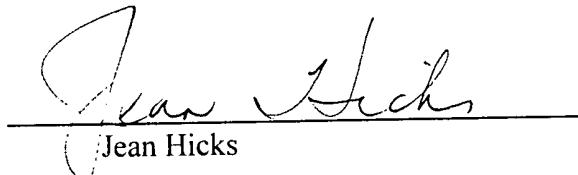
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Date: September 20, 2001


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